

## This Week at Shady Grove

### Monday, June 1

Mon.-Fri. Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217  
9:30 am Pickleball - Gym  
10:15 am FIT - G110  
2:00 pm Heritage Committee - E203  
6:30 pm Open Gym Pickleball - Gym  
7:00 pm Pack 542 & 544 Leadership Meeting - G111  
8:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - Gym

### Tuesday, June 2

10:30 am Mechanicsville Fellowship Club - Kitchen, G110  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, 213, 215, 217

### Wednesday, June 3

10:15 am FIT - G110  
11:30 am SAC Luncheon - Gym, Kitchen, G110  
2:00 pm Widow's Support Group - G114  
5:45 pm Watson Memorial Clinic - E103, 105, 106  
6:30 pm Basketball Clinics Session 1 - Gym  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, 200

### Thursday, June 4

8:30 am Youth to Shalom Farms  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114

### Friday, June 5

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym  
10:15 am FIT - G110

### Sunday, June 7

8:00 am Nursery - G102  
8:15 am Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 am Summer Sunday School - G110  
9:30 am Mundie Bible Class - E202  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School - G113, G114, E206  
9:45 am Worship - Sanctuary and online  
11:00 am VBS Setup - Gym, Kitchen, G110, 111, 113, 114, 213, 217, Sanctuary, E103, 105, 202, 206, Playground, Shelter  
11:15 am Faith Connections Sunday School - G111  
11:15 am VBS Volunteer Meeting - G110  
11:15 am Worship - Sanctuary and Online

Today we joyfully welcome Eric and Sharon Martin as new members of our church family at the 9:45 service! Please take a moment to greet them and extend Christ's love and hospitality as they begin this new chapter with us. We are grateful to have them as part of our congregation.



*Coffee Time is in the Welcome Center at 10:45 a.m.*

#### Staff Directory

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Preschool, Childcare, and School-age Ministries  
8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111 (804) 559-7690  
www.kittyskids.net

# Welcome

Shady Grove is a place of outreach, service, growth, and love. Many generations call this church home. We hope you will, too.



The Difference  
Resurrection Makes

*Believing is Seeing*

#### Information for Parents

**Children are a vital part of our worshipping community!  
As needed, a nursery is provided at all worship services.  
An usher can assist you.**

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May 31, 2026

9:45 a.m.

# *Welcome to Worship*

*\*Doxology (God be Praised)*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Connection

*The children are invited to come forward for a time  
of discipleship*

Scripture: John 20:24-29

Message: Believing is Seeing  
Pastor Darcey Johnson

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Matt Franklin

Offering: *Rivers of Delight* by David von Kampen  
Chamber Choir

Reception of New Members Eric and Sharon Martin

*\*The Plans*

Blessing

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able.*

*The Shady Grove UMC vision:  
Rooted in Christ, Growing in faith, Branching out in love.*

## Sermon Notes

Things to remember about today's message:  
Scripture: John 20:24-29

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Greeters can help you.  
*Just off the sanctuary lobby is an all-accessible restroom  
with changing table.*

## What's Happening- At a Glance

- Senior Luncheon - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 am, gym
- Shalom Farms Volunteering - June 4, 8:30 am-1:00 pm
- All-Ages Trivia - June 4, 6:30 pm, COTU
- VBS- June 8-12
- Youth Volunteering Hanover ARC- June 18, 10 am-1 pm
- Youth Cross Missions- June 21-27
- All-Ages Trivia, July 7, 7:00 pm, The Brass Tap
- Youth to Busch Gardens - July 9
- Appalachia Service Project- July 12-18
- Youth Volunteering Hanover ARC- July 16, 10 am-1 pm
- Youth Lake Retreat- July 21
- All-Ages Trivia - Aug. 5, 7:30 pm, Third Base Grill
- Flying Squirrels Game - Aug. 8, 7:00 pm
- Block Party- Aug. 29, 3:00 pm
- SGUMC Golf Tournament- Sept. 14
- Senior Adult Trip to Hershey, PA- Oct. 6-8

Find and like us on Facebook and Instagram!  
It's a great way to connect with your Shady Grove family and stay informed about all the exciting things that are happening in and around the church!

## MCEF- Needs for June 2026

- Canned pasta
- Macaroni
- Jelly
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Canned meat
- Socks & Underwear (NEW)
- LINENS: Queen sheet sets, towels
- CLOTHING: Now accepting spring and summer clothing. Casual clothing, hoodies, men's long & short sleeved t-shirts, men's pants & jeans in all sizes, children's clothing especially for boys; women's plus-size tops. Clothing must be in good shape (no holes or large stains, please). Thanks!



Place items in the Mission Zone in the area labeled MCEF. Thank you!



Summer 2026 Youth Calendar	
<b>June</b> 4 Shalom Farms Volunteering 8-12 VBS! 8, 10, 12 After VBS! 18 Hanover ARC Volunteering 21-27 Cross Missions	<b>August</b> 8 Holiday Day 12 Rising 6th Grade Putt Putt 17 Burkwood Pool Party 29 Block Party
<b>July</b> 9 Busch Gardens 16 Hanover ARC Volunteering 20-21 Leadership Retreat 21-23 Lake Retreat	

Contact Matt Franklin with questions: matt@shadygroveumc.org

## Stay Connected

Sign up for our weekly E-News and download our latest newsletter at [shadygroveumc.org/churchnews.org](http://shadygroveumc.org/churchnews.org).  
Visit us online at [shadygroveumc.org](http://shadygroveumc.org)

## Ways to Give

Visit [shadygroveumc.org/give/](http://shadygroveumc.org/give/)  
Text keyword shadygrove to 73256  
Set up automatic giving from your bank  
Mail your checks to:

Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

## YOUR WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, May 31, 2026



## Welcome First-Time Guests!

We're glad you have chosen to worship with us today, and we hope to see you again soon. Please gather this morning at 10:45 in the Welcome Center for a time of fellowship, coffee, juice, and a sweet treat!

## Upcoming Events

LOCAL HEARTS, NATIONAL IMPACT  
**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!**  
SUNDAY, MAY 31  
SHADY GROVE GYM  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
SAVE A LIFE! REGISTER TODAY!

**BEGINNING TODAY (5/31), THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE OPEN EACH SUNDAY FROM 10:45 AM TO 12:15 PM. FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO STAY, ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AND LET THE CHILDREN PLAY!**

**Volunteer at Shalom Farms with SGYouth and SGFamilies!**

Cousin Matt says, "Ya'll come out, ya hear!"

Thursday, June 4th  
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Scan the QR code to register!

**All-Ages Trivia Nights**

June 4, 6:30 pm, COTU  
July 7, 7:00 pm, The Brass Tap  
August 5, 7:30 pm, Third Base Grill

Contact Mary Elder with questions: [maryelder@shadygroveumc.org](mailto:maryelder@shadygroveumc.org)

Let's Play!

## Senior Adults

Seniors will be traveling to Hershey Chocolate World, Lancaster Sight & Sound Theater Oct. 6-8 to see the show Joshua and to Gettysburg, PA. Detailed information can be found on the Senior Bulletin Board in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Cost of the trip: Single \$785 / Double \$605 / Triple \$575 / Quad \$545. A payment schedule has been set up for your convenience. For questions, contact Margaret Getz at obxmg707@gmail.com or text 804-370-0649.

## Missions

The Missions Committee would like to say "THANK YOU" to our church family for your generous support of this year's Easter Offering! Through your faithful giving, a total of \$16,063 was received. Because 100% of the Easter Offering goes directly to support missions, your generosity will make a meaningful impact both near and far!

Shady Grove is looking for one or more volunteers to serve as liaisons with MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions). This role helps coordinate deliveries to MCEF, information, opportunities, and initiatives that support neighbors in need throughout our community. If you have a heart for missions, outreach, and community connection, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Mary Elder using the button below. Thanks!

## United Women in Faith

Spring is not officially over until June 21, so there is still time to do your spring cleaning! There is no need to wait until next March to clean out those closets, drawers, basements and attics for the annual United Women in Faith Yard Sale. The ladies of the UWF are hosting several drop-off days throughout the year and the first one will be Sunday, June 14 from 9 am to noon. Volunteers will be in the church gym to take your donations. If you are inclined to sort your donations by category, please label your boxes/bags. All proceeds from the UWF Yard Sale are distributed to Missions.

## Small Groups and Bible Studies

The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs you! Please come any Thursday morning from 10:00-11:30 in G114. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! If you're already skilled in needle work but can't come to the meetings, please consider knitting or crocheting at home. We create the little Prayer Squares you see in the baskets around the church plus Prayer Shawls/Blankets for those going through difficult times, baptism blankets for infants and older children, confirmation blankets and blankets or shawls for new members. PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THIS VIBRANT MINISTRY! Contact Gynanne Hahn for more information at vhahn60@comcast.net.

## Recreation Ministry

Join us for open gym basketball Monday evenings at 8:00 pm. Contact Matt Franklin for details at matt@shadygroveumc.org.



**OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL**  
EACH MONDAY EVENING IN THE GYM FROM 6:30-8:30  
CONTACT MATT FRANKLIN AT [MATT@SHADYGROVEUMC.ORG](mailto:matt@shadygroveumc.org) WITH QUESTIONS



Youth Basketball **SKILLS CLINICS**  
For Grades 3-12  
**6-WEEK SESSION**  
July 9 - Aug 13  
\$100 for 6 weeks  
Scholarships available  
Skill development  
Great coaching  
Faith formation  
SCAN ME



## Children and Families

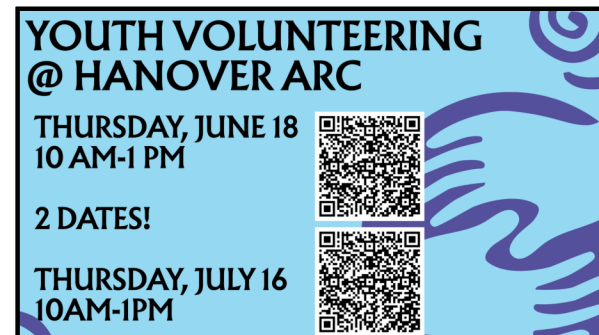
Summer Sunday School will begin on May 31st! All ages will meet in G110. Contact Becky for more details or with questions. Children's Church will go on summer hiatus from May 31 - August 16. We'll resume our 11:15 am class with the start of the new school year. Children's Choirs and Bible Buddies are also taking a break until the fall. Please check this space for more info about when the children's groups will resume!

## Youth

Confirmation class starts this fall for 8th graders and up, with a kickoff retreat September 25-26. Students learn about Christian beliefs, history, and what it means to follow Christ. At the end, all are invited to make a commitment of faith through confirmation. We meet about twice a month Sundays from 9:45-12 including worship after the retreat. Email Mary Elder for the registration link or with questions at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org.



**CROSS MISSIONS**  
Youth Mission Trip - June 21-27  
Charlotte, NC  
\$450 (scholarships available)  
Scan QR Code to register!



**YOUTH VOLUNTEERING @ HANOVER ARC**  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18  
10 AM-1 PM  
2 DATES!  
THURSDAY, JULY 16  
10AM-1PM

## More Church News

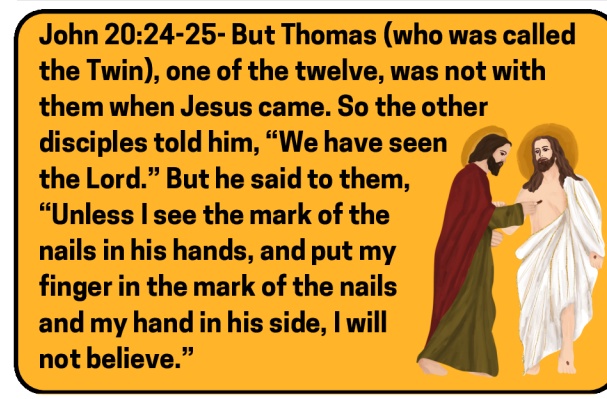
We are getting super excited about Snowball Mountain Challenge, our 2026 Vacation Bible School that will take place June 8th through 12th! Although the registration link is now closed because we are close to capacity, there are some spots still left! Email Becky: beckyroberts@shadygroveumc.org to inquire.




**STORY TIME WITH MS. BARBARA**  
TUESDAYS FROM 9:30 - 11:00 AM  
IN ROOM G106  
JUNE 16 - AUG. 11  
COME FOR A STORY, A CRAFT, AND PLAY TIME IN THE GYM!  
EMAIL BARBARA SHIPLEY AT [SHIPLEY7106@COMCAST.NET](mailto:SHIPLEY7106@COMCAST.NET)



**SHADY GROVE BLOCK PARTY**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 3-5 P.M.  
FREE FOOD, INFLATABLES, GAMES, LIVE MUSIC, AND MORE!  
SAVE THE DATE!



John 20:24-25- But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."